
**Northwest Core to College Curriculum Council
October 3rd, 2013**

One of our main objectives in convening was to identify an area of opportunity to explore as a council that addresses current issues of continuity as our students transition into college and the workforce. During our consensus discussion, we were able to identify a multi-prong approach towards achieving this goal. Below, we outline some next steps requiring feedback **by October 25th** before moving forward.

1. Improve communication between K-12 districts, postsecondary institutions, and state agencies.

- a. Regular convening of K12/Higher Ed to engage in collaborative, topical discussions
 - Key Players:
 - All Upper Cumberland K-12 Districts and Higher Education Institutions
 - THEC/Upper Cumberland CORE Office
 - Timeline:
 - January, 2014: Reconvene – Topic? (Joint Statement Writing?)
 - Summer, 2014: Reconvene – Topic?
 - October, 2014: Reconvene – Topic?
- b. Develop a website/listserv to connect K-12 and higher ed. on existing opportunities within our region.
 - Key Players:
 - THEC/CORE Office
 - Timeline:
 - Ongoing

1. Form Curriculum Alignment Content Teams focused on skills gap assessment and alignment of rigor expectations through the sharing of syllabi/units of study.

- a. Key Players:
 - Content Area K-12 Teachers and HE Professors
 - Northwest CORE Office/THEC
- b. Timeline:
 - November, 2013: CORE Office identifies team membership
 - February, 2014: Initial content team meetings

Once we have analyzed the feedback from council members, we will send out a summary of next steps and request opportunities to take leadership on the various aspects these projects.